

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A top for a convertible vehicle (1) with a flexible roof panel (4), which is attached to an arrangement of convertible-top rods (5) and, in its rear area, to an attachment device (9) of the vehicle body (7), in which a clamping device (13, 13'), acting on the flexible roof panel (4) in the region of its attachment to the vehicle body (7) in the closed state of the convertible top (2), is provided,

~~characterized in that the said~~ clamping device (13, 13') being designed with at least one bracket (14, 15, 25) that forces the flexible roof panel (4) in the closed state of the convertible top (2) against an auto-body closure seal (8),

characterized in that the at least one bracket (14, 15, 25) is pivotable with its rearward end around an articulation (20, 21, 26, 27) attached to the vehicle body.

2. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the clamping device (13) has a side bracket (14, 15) assigned to each side of the vehicle.

3. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 2, characterized in that a side bracket (14, 15) is movable in such a way between a first position in the stored state of the convertible top (2) and a second position that tightens the flexible roof panel (4) in the closed state of the convertible top (2), so that the bracket (14, 15) is pivoted upward with its end on the front side of the vehicle against the auto-body closure seal (8).

4. (currently amended) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the side bracket (14, 15) is arranged essentially in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and can be pivoted ~~about~~ around a pivot point (20, 21) attached to ~~the vehicle at its rearward end~~ and forming an articulation.

5. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 2, characterized in that the side bracket (14, 15) in the opened state of convertible top (2), is

arranged essentially at the height of the attachment device (9) of the flexible roof panel (4) and at a spacing from it.

6. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one bracket (25) is designed as an at least roughly U-shaped bracket extending essentially over the width of the vehicle.

7. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one bracket (25) has a separate drive, controllable as a function of the motion of the convertible-top rods (5).

8. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one bracket (14, 15) is attached to the arrangement of convertible-top rods (5) and can be moved by means of a drive device that drives the convertible top rods (5) with the motion of the convertible-top rods (5).

9. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one bracket (14, 15, 25) is attached to a main convertible-top support (23).

10. (previously presented) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the attachment device (9) of the vehicle body (7) has a clamping profile (10) for holding the flexible roof panel (4).

11. (currently amended) A convertible top according to Claim 1, characterized in that the attachment device (9) of the vehicle body has an at least roughly U-shaped clip (22) essentially spanning the width of the vehicle width, to which the flexible roof panel (4) is firmly connected.